

We are Generous!

- **Romans 8:32**, “He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”
- **2 Corinthians 8:9**, “You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.”

Why should I give?

1. Giving is an expression of Love!

John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave...” Jesus gave everything!

Matthew 25:31-46

Romans 5:8, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Not only is giving an act of love but Giving also increases my love. Matthew 6:21

When you give, to Jesus, through the local church, your heart will follow your investment. Your love for Jesus and His church will increase.

2. Giving is an act of Faith!

Luke 6:38, “Give and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”

Tithing is an act of faith. **Hebrews 11:4, First of the best!**

Malachi 3:8-12

2 Corinthians 9:6-10

How does this work?

- My love for Jesus is growing. **Matthew 7:21**
- My love for Jesus is stronger than my love for this world. **1 John 2:15**
- My love for Jesus empowers me to make wise financial decisions. I give, I live within my means, I save for the future, I enjoy what I have, and I end up with more.
- **1 Timothy 6:17**, “Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.”

3. Giving is an eternal investment.

Why did God give? He was and is building an eternal family.

Ephesians 1:5, “God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.”

- **Matthew 7:21-23**

Investments require a short-term sacrifice for a long-term gain.